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Title: Setting up of UID Centres at Panchayat level in the country.

SHRI AJAY KUMAR (JAMSHEDPUR): The process of registration and delivery of Aadhaar cards is only being done in the block headquarters and not at the Panchayat level.

Potka is a fantastic example of a typical Indian block with 34 Panchayats and villages located at a distance of 25 to 30 Kms from one another. UID cards are being made only in Potka and Haldipoar block. It is impossible to expect poor villagers, widows with children, workers in factories and small farmers etc. to leave their jobs and chores to travel such distances to get their cards. The cost of traveling comes to Rs. 40 and another Rs 20 is spent on food. Furthermore, due to rush and varied documents required, they eventually end up travelling 2 to 3 times.

This is a serious and ridiculous situation that warrants immediate attention. There is serious lack of planning in this regard.

This is a matter of urgent public importance and can be tackled only if UID Centres are set up at the Panchayat level which can cater to 8-10 villages which would reduce the misery, cost and other structural problems.